

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 8 are pending in the application. Each of claims 1-8 now include a status identifier in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

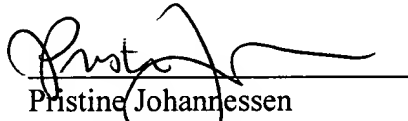
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that they have fully responded to the Examiner's concerns and that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and immediate allowance of the claims.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in any fee required for this response to Deposit Account No. 02-4270.

Respectfully submitted,

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